



TOWN OF UPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Memo To: Board of Selectmen
From: Blythe C. Robinson, Town Manager
Date: February 26, 2016
Re: Town Manager's Weekly Report

Warrants:

- Payroll: \$ 86,620.95
- Expense Warrant: \$1,010,397.41

For Your Information/Follow Up:

- I attended the Planning Board met on Tuesday night regarding a couple of topics. Those were:
 - ey approved the site plan for the Kiwanis Beach parking lot. We'll now turn to completing the bid package and getting that out so that hopefully work can be completed in the spring.
 - The Board also received preliminary plans from Pulte for development of a new subdivision to be called "Upton Ridge" on Hartford Avenue South at the Northbridge Town line. It is proposed as a 139-unit age restricted condominium development.
 - They also were updated by the owner of the vacant house at 6 Main Street that they wish to demolish that house and replace it with a new four-family building (it was previously approved for four units. They will be visiting the ZBA next to start that process. This is one of the properties we referred to the Attorney General for action to fix it up.
 - Finally, the Board discussed the Village Center bylaw and hopefully will be reviewing the language of the bylaw at an upcoming meeting.
- The Attorney General's Office has moved forward to file the documents necessary to request that a judge in Housing Court appoint a receiver to make the repairs required at #14 North Main Street. The owners and lien holders of this property have not been willing to take on this work, so the next step in the process is to have a receiver appointed. A court date will be set for March.
- The Men's Club "Ice-Out Challenge" did not last as long as had been anticipated. The snow man had fallen off his perch on Tuesday morning and now needs to be recovered! We haven't heard how much money was raised but we hope it was fruitful. We look forward to their trying again next winter! Speaking of the Men's Club they asked to put a couple of mementos in the display cabinets at Town Hall, and we have installed two items in one of them. We'll leave them up until we receive requests from other groups to use the space in the future.

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- The annual scholarship process has begun. Sandy has posted the information to the website, and it is going out to the schools as it usually does. Students will have until April 13th to submit an application to the Board for consideration.
- We anticipate getting quotes back next week from other health insurance carriers who would like to vie for the Town's business. A meeting with the insurance advisory committee will take place after that to review the options, including further modifications to what has already been provided by MIIA/Blue Cross.
- The Finance Committee met this week and reviewed a first pass of the budget. The budget is about \$300,000 over anticipated revenues at this point, although there are a few numbers still to be verified. I anticipate that they will be setting up meetings with some boards, but overall they do not appear to have concerns with any one cost center.
- I expect that contract negotiations will pick up again with the two Public Works unions the week after next. They have a new business agent on board and are ready to get back to the table on a successor contract.
- Next week will be a busy one – with the Presidential Primary all day at Nipmuc High School on Tuesday, and the special town meeting on Thursday which begins at 7 PM.
- Just a reminder to all that the warrant is open for the annual town meeting to be held on May 5th. The warrant closes on Monday, March 16th.